

Friday, May 22, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act.

Senate agreed to ISTECA Conference Report.

The House agreed to the Conference Report on H.R. 2400, Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2112–2125, S. Con. Res. 99, and S. Res. 235–237.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1642, to improve the effectiveness and performance of Federal financial assistance programs, simplify Federal financial assistance application and reporting requirements, and improve the delivery of services to the public. (S. Rept. No. 105–194)

S. 1250, to authorize appropriations for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–195)

S. 1325, to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–196)

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Measures Passed:

Iran Missile Proliferation Sanctions Act: By 90 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 146), Senate passed H.R. 2709, to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles, and to implement the obligations of the United States under the Chemical Weapons Convention, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Levin Amendment No. 2444, to change the date of behavior subject to sanctions relating to Iran missile proliferation.

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Congratulating Sri Lanka: Senate agreed to S. Res. 172, congratulating President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga and the people of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the celebration of 50 years of independence.

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Israeli Membership in U.N. Regional Group: Senate agreed to S. Res. 188, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding Israeli membership in a United Nations regional group.

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Authorizing the Flying of the POW/MIA Flag: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 99, authorizing the flying of the POW/MIA flag.

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Intermodal Surface Transportation Act—Conference Report: By 88 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 147), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid-highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs.

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Nuclear Waste Policy Act—Cloture Motion Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to the consideration of H.R. 1270, to amend the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture motion will occur on Tuesday, June 2, 1998.

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Authority for Committees: All committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Wednesday, May 27, 1998, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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Appointments:

National Skill Standards Board: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to P.L. 103–227, appointed the following individuals

to the National Skill Standards Board: Tim C. Flynn, of South Dakota, Representative of Business; and Jerald A. Tunheim, of South Dakota, Representative of Human Resource Professionals. **Page S5401**

Global Climate Change Observer Group: The Chair announced, on behalf of the two leaders, pursuant to provisions of S. Res. 98, agreed to July 25, 1997, the appointment of Senator Kerrey to the Global Climate Change Observer Group, vice Senator Bingaman. **Page S5400**

Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

Treaty with Czech Republic on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters (Treaty Doc. 105-47);
Inter-American Convention on Sea Turtles (Treaty Doc. 105-48).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed. **Page S5485**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report concerning the whereabouts of U.S. citizens who have been missing from Cyprus since 1974; referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-133). **Page S5430**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management.

Cyril Kent McGuire, of New Jersey, to be Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement, Department of Education.

Patrick A. Mulloy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Rita R. Colwell, of Maryland, to be Director of the National Science Foundation for a term of six years.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
9 Army nominations in the rank of general.
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

9 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. **Pages S5481-85, S5486-87**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Greta Joy Dicus, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2003.

Hugh Q. Parmer, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Joan Specter, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2002.

Awilda R. Marquez, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce, and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Louis Caldera, of California, to be Secretary of the Army, vice Togo Dennis West, Jr.

Gerald Bruce Lee, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Patricia A. Seitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—147) **Pages S5890, S5417**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and, in accordance with S. Con. Res. 98, adjourned at 5:27 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, June 1, 1998.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Joan Avalyn Dempsey, of Virginia, to be Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management.